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For many African children today, the grim realities of everyday life are far removed from models of education based on traditional wisdom. Part of an attempt to draw the attention of a wide public to the situation of street children, this book focuses on the educational aspects of a problem from which no country is spared. The book focuses particularly on African cities, and also describes activities of UNESCO, which has launched a special program on the education of street children and working children. The book contains the following chapters: (1) Introduction; (2) Different Continents, the Same Story; (3) Childhood in Africa, Then and Now; (4) The Street Child: a Composite Profile; (5) What About School?; (6) Wanted: a Sympathetic Ear; (7) Getting to the Root of the Problem; (8) Different Continents, the Same Story (continued); (9) What Can be Done?; (10) Dangerous Crossroads; and (11) Postscript. Appendices contain extracts from the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection, and Development of Children, and extracts from the Convention on the Rights of the Child. (WJC)

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